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Brown Has a Job for Lowenstein

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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. is making arrangements to bring Allard K. Lowenstein — the New Yorker who was the founder of the 1968 "Dump Johnson" movement — to California for the summer as a special aide on higher education, according to Brown's executive secretary, Gray Davis.

The move may be seen in some quarters as having national political implications, where are signs of a quickening of interest in Brown on the national scene, although so far the governor has publicly denied interest in a place on the Democratic ticket in 1976.

Davis said in an interview that present plans call for Lowenstein to work for Brown for about two months. He said the governor feels a need for some fresh insights on the University of California and other public institutions of higher learning in the state.

In Long Beach, N.Y., Lowenstein's personal secretary confirmed: "That's the plan at the moment. Anything can change, but that's it at the moment." Lowenstein could not be reached for comment.

Lowenstein, himself was in the Bay Area yesterday to address audiences at Stanford and the University of California in Berkeley. He is urging that the investigation of the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy be reopened.

In Sacramento, Brown's press secretary, Bill Stall, said that Lowenstein's prospective role "is not absolutely defined."

Lowenstein played a major organizational role in the dramatic political events of 1968, which saw the popular surge of then-Sens. Eugene J. McCarthy (Dem-Minn.) and Kennedy (Dem-N.Y.) help convince President Johnson to retire.

For months, prior to the beginning of the 1968 campaign, Lowenstein traveled the campuses and other liberal gathering places of America arguing — at first almost alone — that Mr. Johnson and his war policies could be dealt severe blows by the electorate.

One of his early converts was Brown, then a Los Angeles attorney. Brown indeed got his political start by becoming a co-chairman of McCarthy's campaign in California.

As associate of Lowenstein said yesterday that Brown, and Lowenstein, a lawyer and onetime college teacher, are old friends and that Lowenstein has been anxious to help Brown.

From a political viewpoint, he is regarded in some quarters as one of the most skilled practitioners of grass-roots politics in the United States and as a shrewd, if not always correct, political analyst.

Although there is mounting talk and speculation that Brown may be a 1976 candidate for the Presidency or Vice Presidency, the word emanating from the governor's office is that he is concentrating on doing his job in California, has no plans to travel outside the state and has even declined invitations to appear on national television news interview shows.

However, a number of influential national publications have recently done stories on Brown, mostly highly complimentary in tone. At a time when none of the announced contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination seems to be making much headway, there has been talk that he is the kind of fresh face the Democrats may need.

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